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Ms. Renata B. Hesse Antitrust Division U.S. Department of Justice 601 D Street NW - Suite 1200 Washington, DC 20530-0001

Re: Department of Justice Antitrust Lawsuit Settlement with Microsoft

Dear Ms. Hesse:

I write in support of the Department of Justice (DOJ) proposed settlement that was ordered by the United States District Court. The terms of settlement have been agreed to by Michigan's Attorney General.

It is my understanding that the scope of the settlement addresses not only what the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit ruled on but also issues beyond their findings. Further, this settlement will be strictly enforced by an independent committee that will assure Microsoft complies with the judgment.

The DOJ settlement will resolve the case and allow the industry to move forward, thus, providing innovation for the industry and greater competition and protection for consumers.

Sincerely,

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